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1. SPANISH PERMREP DE PINIES TOLD POLCOUNS (AND SWEDISH AMBASSADOR SUNDBERG CONFIRMED) THAT SC PRESIDENT RYDBECK HAD EXPLAINED THAT SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON SPANISH SAHARA QUESTION IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL REQUEST FOR MEETING. DE PINIES UNDERTOOK TO CONSULT THE MEMBERS OF THE SC AND THEN MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO REQUEST SC ACTION.

2. WITHOUT REFERRING TO COMMITTEE OF 24, DE PINIES SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR COUNCIL TO SEND A VISITING MISSION TO THE AREA "TO FIND OUR WHETHER THERE IS A THREAT TO THE PEACE AND REPORT BACK." MISSION WOULD CONSIST OF ISLAMIC MEMBER SUCH AS IRAQ; AND AFRICAN, PERHAPS CAMEROON; AND A CATHOLIC COUNTRY SUCH AS COSTA RICA. DE PINIES SEEM TO THINK CONCLUSION WOULD BE THAT
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MOROCCO'S "IRRATIONAL PLANS" WOULD INDEED BE SEEN AS

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THREAT TO PEACE, AND THAT COUNCIL WOULD THEN TELL MOROCCANS
"NOT TO COMMIT AN IDIOCY."WITHOUT SPECIFYING COUNTRIES
WITH WHICH HE HAD CONSULTED, HE SAID HE HAD ENCOUNTERED
"NO OPPOSITION" TO HIS PROPOSALS. HE HAD ALREADY DRAFTED
A LETTER REQUESTING SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION AND WOULD
PROBABLY TABLE IT WHEN HE COMPLETED HIS ROUND OF CONSULTA-
TIONS. DE PINIES DID NOT EXPLICITY CLAIM HE HAD
AUTHORIZATION FROM MADRID FOR SUCH ACTION.

3. DURING AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 17, DE PINIES CONSULTED
ALMOST AT RANDOM WITH MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE OF 24 AND OF
FOURTH COMMITTEE AS WELL AS SC. MOROCCAN PERMREP SLAOUI
ALSO CONSULTED WIDELY. THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE
SUPPORT AMONG AFRICANS FOR ACTIONS ON "DUAL TRACK."
BOTH SC AND COMMITTEE OF 24 WOULD MEET, ONE OF THE OTHER
WOULD SEND VISITING MISSION, AND FOURTH COMMITTEE OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD REVIEW THE RECENTLY RELEASED REPORT
OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24'S VISITING MISSION.

4. SC PRESIDENT RYDBECK TOLD AMB. BENNETT THAT DE PINIES
HAD PPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH HIM OCT 17. RYDBECK EXPECTED
DE PINIES WOULD REQUEST THAT SC MEET OCT. 20.
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